



Community Engagement Exchange Program

2021 Program Timeline

This document includes important dates for the 2021 Community Engagement Exchange Program cohort. Items in which the Post has the option to be involved are bolded.

Date	Activity
November 16, 2020	CEE application opens (Post promotes application launch)
November – December 2020	Recruitment activities and recruitment partner outreach (Post continues to promote application, especially to historically underrepresented groups)
December 23, 2020 by 11:59 p.m. EST	CEE application deadline
December 2020	CEE applications shared with interested posts for selection feedback (Post participation is optional)
February 2021	CEE semifinalists notified of status and complete virtual interviews.
February - March 2021	Semifinalists interviews reviewed and scored by selection committee. CEE Semifinalist interviews shared with interested Posts for selection feedback (Post participation is optional)
March 2021	IREX identifies finalists and alternates, who then take an English language exam (TOEFL or equivalent)
March 2021	Embassy concurrence on identified finalists and alternates (Post participation is required)
April 2021	Semifinalists notified if selected as a finalist or alternate and asked to submit additional materials
April 2021	High visa priority countries receive DS-2019s (Post supports applicants to secure a J-1 visa interview)
May 2021	All other posts receive DS-2019 (Post supports applicants to secure a J-1 visa interview)
August 2021	Pre-Departure Orientation for Fellows (virtual)
October 2021	Travel to U.S. Orientation in Detroit, Michigan
October 2021 – January 2022	Professional fellowship at U.S. host organization
January 2022	End of Program Workshop in Washington, DC
January 2022	IREX CEE staff provides Post with participants' follow-on project information so Post can facilitate connections as desired. Post debriefs with fellows upon their return home (optional) and connects them to alumni opportunities.
January 2022	Participants travel home to implement Community Engagement Projects (CEP)
April 2022	IREX leads Community Engagement Project Check-in
June - August 2022	U.S. hosts and Global Leaders travel to CEE Fellows' home countries
September 2022	Innovation Hub Network Events (Posts attendance optional)

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